

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 in the Men's Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, Arizona

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 North Ninth St., Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:	Mayor	Doug Von Gausig
	Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
	Councilmember	Patricia Williams
		Rex Williams
		Frank Sa

Staff:	Town Attorney	Rob Pecharich
	Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
	Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
	Planning Director	Steven Brown
	Police Chief	Pat Haynie
	Fire Chief	Don Eberle
	Finance Director	Coleen Gilboy
	Planner II	Beth Escobar

**Others in attendance:** Ellie Bauer, Elizabeth-Rose Augusto and others who did not sign in.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that all Councilmembers were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ellie Bauer, 1201 Main Street, thanked Mayor Von Gausig for coming to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and she hopes he appreciates their frustration regarding TEA 21.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – The consent agenda portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters that must be acted on by the Council. All items approved with one motion. Any items may be removed for discussion at the request of any Council Member.

Mayor Von Gausig pulled Item E, Councilmember Sa pulled Item F and Vice-Mayor Wiley pulled Item C. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Items A, B, D and G. Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item C – Mayor Von Gausig explained that personnel issues should be discussed in executive session. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to table the Town Magistrate's contract to an executive session. Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item E – Vice-Mayor Wiley read the following statement: *When I pledged to serve the citizens and Town of Clarkdale, I understood it would include assuming fiscal responsibility. There are four items on tonight's agenda that involve this Council in the fiscal area. Before we get into those items, I would like to inform everyone present of my feelings/philosophy relative to money.*

*I respect money, without it very little can be accomplished in today's world. Because money has real value – to everyone – private and municipal – a common council must apply the use of the money to the greatest benefit to the largest number of citizens – whether that money is from taxes, grants or gifts.*

*On a personal basis, I will admit – I'm tight. I'm careful where I spend my money and I feel the same about tax money. Rather than start a campaign for better trails, I spent eight summers cleaning and maintaining Woodchute Trail. I spent a*

*fair amount of one summer working to develop the Eleventh Street trail. I don't expect the federal government to do for me - I do it myself! Tonight I intend to apply these feelings/philosophy to my Council decisions.*

Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) The Council received three bids, including bid alternates, from two contractors and one proposing town staff labor.
- 2) The bids are for too much money and the town staff recommendation is too much work for staff.
- 3) Rejecting all bids.
- 4) Can put up a brand new gazebo for one half of the cost.
- 5) A gate for ADA is \$5,000-10,000.
- 6) The Council needs to start looking at how it is spending our money.
- 7) The people gave donations in good faith.
- 8) All of the donations came as a response to solicitation.
- 9) The total cost is now \$52,000.
- 10) The straw pole of residents on July 4, 2003 about whether to build new or restore the old gazebo had no validity because nothing was said about the cost of restoring the original.
- 11) Cannot use Yavapai-Apache Nation donation for this project.
- 12) Handicapped access is required if it is new construction.
- 13) Lead based paint removal still had to be done and the cost difference is insignificant.
- 14) Should be discussed in executive worksession.
- 15) Needs to be done so everyone benefits from it for years to come.
- 16) One item on the bid, elevating the gazebo, is the last thing anyone should do for safety reasons.
- 17) The contractors' bids were high because it is a risky project.
- 18) Suggestion to disassemble it and build a replica.
- 19) A kit gazebo would cost \$15,000 to 18,000.
- 20) The gazebo is 310 square feet. These bids are about \$153 per square foot, without alternates or plumbing. Construction cost for a comparable patio is \$28 per square foot to build.
- 21) A great deal of money was collected from citizens with the understanding of refurbishment. Does the town have the authority to spend that money differently?
- 22) The gazebo is not comparable to a patio because of the craftsmanship required for odd angles.
- 23) The gazebo could stay as it is until citizens come up with the balance of money needed to refurbish it.

Councilmember R. Williams moved to reject all of the bids. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion failed three to two, with Mayor Von Gausig, Councilmember P. Williams and Councilmember Sa opposing. Councilmember R. Williams moved to table this item until September 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item F - Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) Moving \$6000 from the gazebo to the park site fund.
- 2) There will be worksessions on parks and recreation and on communication soon. The Parks and Recreation Commission could distribute the money as they see fit if it is allocated to them in a lump sum.
- 3) The Heritage Conservancy Board and Parks and Recreation Commission had budget requests that were not funded in the 2004-05 budget.

Mayor Von Gausig moved to allot \$2600 to send a staff member to the Southwest Leadership Program for local Government, \$5000 for the Strategic Planning Session, \$2000 for Parks and Recreation Commission projects, \$1200 to the Heritage Conservancy Board, which cannot be spent on the museum, \$2400 on

communication and leave the rest unallocated for now. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- A. **Resignation** – Approval of the resignation submitted by Amy Manhardt from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- B. **Ordinance** – Approval of an ordinance deleting Section 15-3-2 of the Town Code related to the abandonment, sale or conveyance of public roadways.
- C. **Contract** – Approval of an employment contract with Town Magistrate Joan Dwyer.
- D. **Resolution** – Approval of a Resolution adopting fees for the Town of Clarkdale, including the increase of the wastewater user fees for residential and commercial customers.
- E. **Gazebo** – Approval of successful bidder and approval of contract for a contractor for the Gazebo Refurbishment Project.
- F. **Yavapai-Apache Nation Funding** – Designation of projects/programs to fund with the Yavapai-Apache Nation donation received by the Town of Clarkdale.
- G. **Resignation** – Acceptance of a letter from Gary Hansen resigning from the Planning Commission.

Without objection, Mayor Von Gausig took Item 6, the Stantec Engineering Contract, next.

**CONTRACT – A contract with Stantec Engineering for engineering design and construction administration for a project that will extend an effluent line to, and develop an effluent disposal site on, approximately 60 acres of property the Town of Clarkdale has leased for effluent disposal purposes.** Town Manager Mabery noted that the Town had been working for a number of years to relocate the effluent disposal site. Upgrading the wastewater treatment plant is another phase of construction. The relocation is being funded by a CDBG grant. This site is 60 acres in the industrial area. The Town will be able to dispose of all the effluent produced by the current plant on this site. This proposal is for design and construction administration. Phelps Dodge has agreed to pay 50% of the cost and staff is looking at a grant/loan from Rural Development for the remaining costs.

Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) The estimated hours for engineering personnel.
- 2) Difference between Class A and B effluent, which has to do with the level of nutrients in the water and the oxygen used.
- 3) Currently aerators provide oxygen to the ponds. Further modifications to the wastewater treatment plant include the following:
  - a) Effluent pump station improvements.
  - b) Cleaning out the sludge from the pond.
  - c) Putting strainer equipment after the pump at the beginning of the effluent line.
- 4) This contract is for the effluent line work only. The plant improvements are addressed in an existing contract with Stantec.
- 5) Upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment plant must be done before effluent is delivered to the new site.

Councilmember Sa moved to approve the contract amendment with Stantec Consulting, Inc. to provide design and construction administration services for the effluent disposal site and main line for a fee of \$236,961. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #            - A Resolution supporting the formation of a fire district to provide fire and emergency medical services within and adjacent to the incorporated limits of the Town of Clarkdale.**

Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) The need to be aware of other fees/taxes on housing in Clarkdale.
- 2) If a fireman on the scene cannot hook up the hose because he cannot leave the truck, there is a need to change the rules.
- 3) Residents are satisfied with the current emergency response by the Fire Department.
- 4) The new Fire District budget has two people per shift. OSHA recommends four. The Town currently has one.
- 5) The Town has maxed out the tax and has no funds to increase service.

Councilmember R. Williams moved to approve Resolution #            to reaffirm their support for the formation of a fire district in the community. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed for to one, with Vice-Mayor Wiley opposing it.

**WORKSESSION - A worksession between the Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss accomplishments, goals, priorities and challenges.** Chairperson Parsons stated that funding is always a challenge in working on a parks master plan. The best hope is to convince developers to include parks and trails.

Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) Park acreage per population.
- 2) Consistency throughout plan.
- 3) Commending the Commission members for their work.
- 4) Tract O in Mingus Shadows.
- 5) Land available in Foothills Terrace for a park site.
- 6) Trades need to be negotiated to acquire parkland.
- 7) Work with developments to provide park/recreation land.
- 8) State stature does not allow the Town to require developers to dedicate land.
- 9) Parks and Recreation did not have any input into the Mountain Gate development. However, there was a historic trail through the development that they brought to the attention of staff and staff discussed it with the owners.
- 10) The Park Master Plan would be a supplement to the General Plan.
- 11) A map will be included in the Park Master Plan.
- 12) Maintenance of trails will need to be addressed.

**WORKSESSION - A worksession to discuss the Broadway Extension project, which when constructed, would extend Broadway through the industrial area to Cement Plant Road.** Planning Director Brown stated this road was a part of the General Plan and the Town has received grant money for it for fiscal year 2008. When Verde River Iron Company came to the Town for a conditional use permit, there was a condition that they work to build a new road. The current plan changes a previous alignment by taking out Luke Lane. He stated that he discussed this with Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) and they wrote a letter discussing their proposal.

Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) Cement Plant Road is owned by Transylvania.
- 2) The Yavapai-Apache Nation will have to be included in discussions.
- 3) Concerns with Cement Plant Road. Salt River wants it dedicated to the Town. However, it has heavy use and does not meet Town standards.
- 4) A 404 permit will be needed for the road project.

- 5) This is a very complicated and expensive project.
- 6) The Town needs to get the word out on the project.
- 7) The property alignment crosses land owned by Salt River Materials Group, Transylvania and the Verde Canyon Railroad.
- 8) There are benefits to limiting industrial traffic to industrial areas.
- 9) SRMG maintains Cement Plant Road.
- 10) SRMG anticipates acquiring a small amount of material from Verde River Iron Co.

**GENERAL PLAN EDUCATION – Consideration of scheduling a series of workshops to educate the council on the General Plan.** Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) There are fine points of the General Plan that residents and Council members may not be aware of.
- 2) Taking 20 minutes at each council meeting for discussion of General Plan elements.
- 3) A setting other than council meetings would give opportunity for give and take.
- 4) Could commit to certain time limit in advance.
- 5) Having one or two meetings to review the entire General Plan.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to spend twenty minutes at each regularly scheduled special council meeting (on the fourth Tuesday of the month) discussing the General Plan. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed four to one, with Councilmember R. Williams abstaining from the vote.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING – Setting dates and times and format for the annual strategic planning session.** Councilmember Sa moved to hold the strategic planning session on November 5-6<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Council and without objection, Mayor Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**APPROVE:**

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

**SUBMIT:**

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Charlotte Hawken, Administrative Assistant

**ATTEST:**

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Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk